(a) and (c) Animal-wise export of meat during the last three years is as follows:—

Qyt.: in MT
Value: in Rs. Lakhs

		1994–95		1995–96		1996–97*	
		Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
1.	Buffalo meat	116137.6	32437.0	159704.0	55500.0	247573.8	61903.5
2.	Sheep/Goat meat	10819.3	6603.1	8612.8	5642.5	8691.0	7103.5
3.	Swine meat	741.0	252.2	908.0	262.2	352.5	136.6
4.	Poultry meat	40.5	11.0	13.7	5.4	2.0	0.9
		127738.4	39303.3	169238.5	61410.1	256619.3	69144.5

*Provisional (Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta.)

Meat is mainly exported to Bahrain, Brunei, France, Greece, Iran, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Malawi, Mauritius, Netherlands, Oman, Phillipines, Qattar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Turkey, U.A.E., U.K. and U.S.A. Country-wise details of export are available in monthly/ annual bulletins published by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S), Calcutta and are available in the Parliament House Library.

[English]

Vysya Bank Limited

489. SHRI JAI PRAKASH (HARDOI) : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times the Reserve Bank of India inspected the branches of the Vysya Bank Limited during the last three years;

(b) the details of the shortcomings noticed during such inspections; and

(c) the action taken against the bank/officers of the banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have reported that during the last three years (1995–97), the Vysya Bank Limited was inspected twice with reference to its position as on 29th December, 1995 and 31st March, 1997.

(b) Inspection of branches are taken up on selective basis and not all branches are inspected. The focus of RBI inspection, *inter-alia*, is to assess compliance by banks with instructions/guidelines issued by RBI as well as the policies and procedures laid down internally by the management of the bank themselves.

(c) RBI has levied a penalty of Rs. 20 lakhs on Vysya Bank Ltd. for violations of its instructions with regard to bills, bridge loans and advance against shares.

Vacant Posts in MMTC/STC

490. SHRI KARIA MUNDA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of vacancies in Group 'D' post (Peon/Frash) in the reserved categories of SC/ST and OBC have been lying vacant in State Trading Corporation of India and Mineral and Metal Trading Corporation in their Delhi/New Delhi office since a long;

(b) if so, the details of such vacancies which are to be filled up through direct recruitment; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to fill up these vacant posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (DR. BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) to (c) In STC, there are no group 'D' posts. The lowest cadre of posts of Peon etc. in STC falls in Group 'C' and there is no vacancy reserved for SC/ST and OBC in this category.